

OUR *Precious*



CONVERSATIONS

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KODANSHA
COMICS

CHAPTER 17
ROBICO

A detailed illustration of a young man with short, dark blue hair and light blue eyes. He is wearing a dark blue scarf and a dark blue jacket over a light blue shirt. He has a slightly blushing expression on his face. The background is a soft-focus cityscape with buildings and bare trees, suggesting a winter setting.

I have a feeling
this winter will be
a little **hotter**
than usual...

**Shiro Azuma is
spending his vacation
with a girl for the first
time in his life.**

However...

*A romantic comedy
worth talking about! ♥*

OUR Precious CONVERSATIONS

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You Say "Friend,"
But You Mean "Possession"

ROBICO

Winter break begins with neither knowing whether the other is interested. What a situation!

*Let's review
the previous
events of
Our Precious
Conversations!*

*It took until
the end of the
second term,
but Azuma-kun
finally realized
that Aizawa-
san actually
liked him. He
summoned up
all his courage
and invited her
to spend time
with him over
winter break...*



Our Previous Conversations: Aizawa-san confessed to Azuma-kun, but he insisted she was wrong to do so. He accidentally saw her panties, dished her homemade cookies, and many other terrible things! However, the two of them agreed to meet at school to talk, and they began spending their lunch break together. And now, she's been invited to the café in Azuma-kun's neighborhood over winter break?!



*Lunch Specials:





Azuma-
kun...



Hi,
Aizawa-
san.

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*WATER: Help yourself for refills



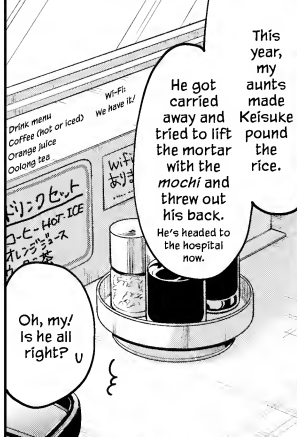
Oh, it's
fine.

I had
some
coffee
while I
waited.

Sorry
I'm late.

The
lending
counter
was pretty
backed up.

水
おかわり
セルフサービス



*COFFEE: Help yourself for refills



He's looking
great today,
as always...

Azuma-
kun...

Oh,
no...

You do
refills
yourself
here.



My entire wardrobe
is hand-me-downs
from my mother
and grand-mother!

Aah! I'm
meeting
Azuma-kun
tomorrow,
and I
don't have
a thing to
wear!

It's not like
I have a choice!
I haven't gone
clothes shopping
since four years
ago, when I was
in the first year
of middle school!

LIKE I
CARE!

Oh,
thank
you,
Grand-
ma!

Look here,
Non-chan.
With a few
alterations,
this will look
wonderful
on you.



Aizawa-san
is wearing...

...a
dress.





Of course
she's pretty!
Anybody can
see that! That's
boring! Throw a
curveball once
in a while, geez!



You're
such a
virBLEEP

Case 2: Auntie B

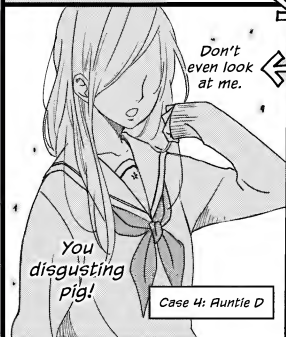
Huh? You're
a man, aren't
you? Just
compliment
her! Are you
stupid or
something?



No wonder
you're a
virBLEEP

Case 1: Auntie A

Don't
even look
at me.



You
disgusting
pig!

Case 4: Auntie D

What? Oh,
my... Hehehe!
What a silly
idea... Hehehe
How are you
supposed to
compliment
her, you ask?



You're so cute,
Shiro... ♡
Like a pure
maiden! Hehehe!

Case 3: Auntie C





After all, Aizawa-san and I are merely meeting like this for a scant hour of tea drinking each day as nothing more than friends.

It would be strange of me to compliment her.

I don't know what I was thinking.

AZUMA-KUN!



I'm sure no matter what I said, she'd tear me up over it anyway.

SIP

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Well... I suppose there's no need to force a compliment.



What's that?

DAILY-SPECIAL
オススメ
HOMEMADE
本日の手作リケーキ
¥350
CAKE OF THE DAY

クラシックショコラタルト
Classic Chocolate Tart

ルパフェ
Granola Parfait

LOOK AT THAT, AZUMA-KUN! TODAY'S CAKE SPECIAL LOOKS DELICIOUS!



In the intervening time, she was able to get her emotions back under control.

LOOK! I FOUND HALF-OFF COUPONS IN THE RESTROOM!

Even if it's not a modern fashion, my grandmother assured me I look great in it!

Most important for a woman...
...is being neat and tidy!







Should we eat it together?

Okay, so how do we approach this?

IT'S-

IT'S REALLY REAL!

I kind of threw the suggestion out there...

...but she wanted to try it so badly...

We're not dating!

That's the kind of thing only couples do!

Let me split the cake for us!

All right, Azuma-kun!

I'm always splitting dessert with my brother.

I'll be fair!

Oh... sure. Please do.

"Here you go, Azuma-kun!"

won't you?

open wide,

SHAKE

SHAKE

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ふん



Oh,
hey.

*Castella



They go
to our
school.

Hm?

Who?

Out the
window.

I've seen
that boy
around.



Eh he he...
I wonder
if they're
dating?

I kind
of get that
impression,
since he
offered to
carry her
bag like
that.

THAT'S
WONDER-
FUL.

THAT'S
TERRIBLE.



He's a nice
guy who loves
Jiro Asada
and cats more
than anything
else in the
world.

The girl is
Ogata-san
from Class
Three.

Azuma-kun
sure knows
a rather
surprising
number of
people...



Does he really wish to debase himself just for the chance at being liked?

The man should stand up for himself. Any person should be expected to carry their own belongings.

I... I DON'T THINK THAT'S QUITE WHAT'S GOING ON...



I see this kind of thing happen every once in a while... Why is it necessary for the man to carry the woman's handbag?

It's like she's deriving enjoyment from asking the man to willingly become her slave.



He gave the bag back to her!

THEY'RE FRIENDS! JUST FRIENDS, SEE?

O-OH! LOOK! THEY AREN'T A COUPLE AFTER ALL! U



WHAT HELLISH DOOR HAVE WE OPENED WITH THOSE WORDS?

OH... A "GUY FRIEND," IS IT?

But the woman does not need to accept his intentions to benefit from his service—a system of exploitation known as having "guy friends."

I've said it before, haven't I?
A man won't do anything lacking in meaning. If he's not interested in a girl, why would he **bother carrying her stuff?!**

When a girl calls someone her "guy friend," you can substitute the word "possession" right there without losing a single iota of meaning!

To put it another way, he's her "possession"!



THE BEST HE CAN DO IS WORK HIMSELF TO THE BONE TO BECOME HER FAVORITE PLAYTHING!

I'LL SAY IT RIGHT NOW!
IF A MAN WISHES TO DATE A GIRL WHO CALLS HIM HER "GUY FRIEND," HE HAS **NO CHANCE IN HELL!**

He's probably thinking that this girl is an exception!

I see...

That aside, if the situation truly is as you say, why is it a man would continue being friends with someone like that?

WHY IS IT THAT YOU SEE THE WORLD AS A PLACE SO FILLED WITH SELFISHNESS AND EVIL?!

I'm actually suffering from a full body muscle ache right now...

Shouldn't he at least be able to respect other people? I'm pretty sure friendship does actually exist in this world!

I can't believe Azuma-kun... he's gone back to his old ways again.

SHIVER SHIVER

It's probably because I was nominated to carry 30 kilograms of rice for making mochi all by myself merely by virtue of being a "man"...

AN!

I got impassioned and went off about my theories in front of her again...

Right now, though, what's way more important to me is this cake!

It's good!
It's good!
It's so good!

The cake is really good, so Aizawa-san will let Azuma-kun's comment pass without a rebuttal this time.



Guy friends,
huh...

*Right now,
it sounds like
I'm saying
Aizawa-san is
the same way!*

Well, it's
not like
everyone
is—

I don't
think I've
ever had a
guy friend,
really.



...does
that
include
me?!

Huh? I
don't get
it! If she
doesn't have
any guy
friends...

So, does that
mean we're
not friends,
then?!

Whaaat?!

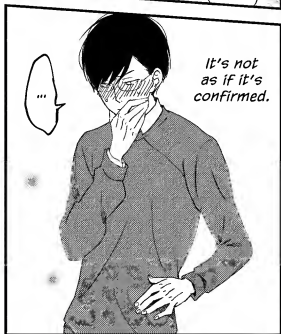
That's a little
shocking to hear!

...what?!



What
about me?!







After all, even with it being so cold, she still waits for me to finish at the library...

Oh, Azuma-kun...

I hope he found something good.



I love food!

It's Christmas leftovers.

Wow! It's food!

And she was overjoyed with my gifts...



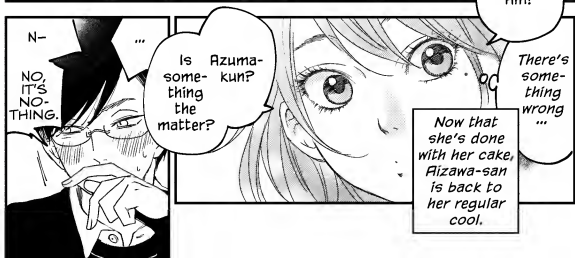
But I can't think of any other explanation!

I feel so light on my feet now!



She's even wearing simple, classic dresses, just like I like.

*purely coincidental





...you
didn't
have
any guy
friends...



It's
just...

Earlier,
when
you
said...

...oh.

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...and means
"possession."

She
says
"guy
friend"...



Oh,
yes.

You,
too.

Thank
you.



Hm?

It's not
some-
thing I
would
have
expected
...
coming
from you,
Aizawa-san.

This and
that
happened
...

...and
before
they knew
it, the year
was over.

Later.

I'm off
to buy more
cards now.

See
you!



THAT
THEY'RE
STILL
NOT
DATING
YET...

...JUST
PISSES
ME OFF.

Dammit!
Must be
nice...

EXTRA

サマ
MURMUR

WHAT'S
ALL
THIS?

DAY
AFTER
DAY?

サマ
MURMUR



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W...well, at least they grew closer to one another, right? Next episode, the new year brings with it a new development!

